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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action, mailed on October 21, 2002, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement. In connection therewith, the Examiner asserted that the application contained claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: a one step etching process employing a plasma which is comprised of a mixture of an oxygen containing gas and an inert gas (Claims 9-15); a one step etching process employing a plasma which is comprised of a mixture of a fluorine containing gas, an inert gas, and essentially no oxygen containing gas (Claims 1-8); and a two step etching process which first employs a plasma which is comprised of a mixture of a fluorine containing gas, an inert gas, and essentially no oxygen containing gas, which is followed by using a plasma which is comprised of an oxygen containing gas and an inert gas (Claim 16). Applicants hereby elect the species comprising a one step etching process employing a plasma which is comprised of a mixture of an oxygen containing gas and an inert gas (Claims 9-15).

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The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if it is desirable to discuss any issues raised in this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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